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**DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

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**NOTICE OF DECISION**

**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL  
PERMIT NUMBER NEV0092105  
FOR THE ROBINSON OPERATION**

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection has decided to renew Water Pollution Control Permit NEV0092105 to Robinson Nevada Mining Company. This permit authorizes the construction, operation, and closure of the approved facilities. The Division has been provided with sufficient information, in accordance with NAC 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447, to assure the Division that the groundwater quality will not be degraded by this operation and that public safety and health will be protected.

This permit will become effective April 5, 2005. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 445A.605 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5pm, March 31, 2005 on Form 3 with the State Environmental Commission, 333 West Nye Lane, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89706. For more information, contact Bob Carlson at (775) 687-9401, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Bureau's website at <http://ndep.nv.gov/bmrr/bmrr01.htm>.

Public comments on the draft permit were received from Tom Myers on behalf of Great Basin Mine Watch, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and Quadra Mining Ltd. Division responses to the received comments are attached.

The following changes have been made in the final permit based, in part, on those comments received during the public notice period:

1. Part I.B: Schedule of Compliance submittal dates were adjusted.
2. Part I.D: Monitoring Requirements were adjusted for Profile I-A to include uranium, acronyms were changed for the Tailings Solids (TSEP) and the Barge Operating Channel (TS-SBOC), frequency for BSPLD-1&-2 was amended to apply only "if transferring process solutions", sample location for ES-A,-B,-C & -D were clarified as "end of pipe", and Footnote 3 was amended regarding waste rock testing.
3. Part II.B.3.a: Written report amended to stipulate 10 "business" days.
4. Administrative language changes were made in Part I.L, Part II.A, and Part II.D.